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## Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran/Military-Related Events in Iowa

This event listing is compiled by the Outreach Coordinator, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs. It provides information about veteran-related events as provided to the IDVA office. IDVA's endeavor is to ensure that interested individuals and organizations are aware of these events. An updated listing will be distributed on the first and middle of each month. ***Please send details on events, including the 11 key pieces of information outlined below, to: [meghan.larkins@iowa.gov](mailto:meghan.larkins@iowa.gov).***

**1. Name of Event, 2. Date of Event, 3. Time of Event, 4. Location of Event, 5. Address of Event, 6. City, 7. State, 8. Point of Contact, 9. POC's Phone #, 10. POC's email address, 11. Additional details/coordinating instructions**

Listed Chronologically

**Events List is current, with information received, as of 5/11/2016**

### May 2016

- ♦ **Iowa's Ties to the Holocaust Exhibit 29 March – 28 May 2016**, Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, 503 South Street, **Waterloo**, IA 50701, Erin Dawson, 319-234-6357, [erin.dawson@gmdistrict.org](mailto:erin.dawson@gmdistrict.org).
- ♦ **KIOA's Salute to Military Moms Luncheon 12 May 2016**, Kathy Nees, 515-282-5068, [kathy@ialegion.org](mailto:kathy@ialegion.org). *Note: 100 Military Moms and their guests will be honored with a private luncheon at The Meadows on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see more information at <http://kioa.com/2016/04/21/kioas-salute-to-military-moms-luncheon/#sthash.jrnxCZUt.dpuf>*
- ♦ **VFW Post 775 Fish Fry, 13 May 2016**, 5:30 pm, 702 W. Main St., **Ottumwa**, (Wapello) IA, Joe Mulcahy, 641-682-9678, [vfw775@hotmail.com](mailto:vfw775@hotmail.com). *Note: Carry out starts at 5:00 pm for \$9.50; dine in begins at 5:00 pm for \$9.00. Menu: Whole catfish, baked potato or steak fries, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert, coffee, water.*
- ♦ **"Dinner at The Legion", 14 May 2016**, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm., Sgt. Bluff's American Legion Post 662 Hall at 901 Topaz Dr. (south of Fareway, behind the Dairy Queen in the big blue building), **Sergeant Bluff**, (Woodbury) IA, Fidell Wadsworth, 712-223-0611, [americanlegion662@yahoo.com](mailto:americanlegion662@yahoo.com). *Menu: Chicken Alfredo and Noodles, Sautéed Squash and Zucchini, Salad Bar, Assorted Drinks and Desserts.*
- ♦ **Masons & Veterans' Trout Fishing Event, 14 May 2016**, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, Bailey's Ford Recreational Area, 2379 Jefferson, **Manchester**, (Delaware) IA, John Mikelson, 317-321-1387, [jmikelson16@gmail.com](mailto:jmikelson16@gmail.com), *Note: Additional details available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/masons-veterans-trout-fishing-event-tickets-22589642228?aff=eandpostshre&ref=eandpostshre>.*
- ♦ **Dale Christensen VFW Post 4119 Continuous Membership Recognition, 14 May 2016**, 1:30 pm, Memorial Building, 410 North Park Place, **Audubon**, IA, Iowa Post Commander Robert Jensen, 712-304-1628, [jensenre@yahoo.com](mailto:jensenre@yahoo.com). *Note: Recognizing 97 members for continuous membership of 5 years through 70 years.*
- ♦ **VFW Pella Post 5242 Monthly Meeting, 17 May 2016**, 7:30 pm, Memorial Building, 829 Broadway St, **Pella**, (Marion) IA, Patrick Stark, 641-780-9929, [vfw.patstark@gmail.com](mailto:vfw.patstark@gmail.com).

- ◆ **Va's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual VA2k Walk and Roll 18 May 2016**, 10:00 am through 2:00 pm, VA Medical Center Main Campus, Main Lobby, 3600 30<sup>th</sup> St, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, Joel Meredith, 515-699-5999; [joel.meredith@va.gov](mailto:joel.meredith@va.gov).
- ◆ **BA-DA BA-DA BING BANG Rally, 21 May 2016**, 10:00 am, Former National Guard Armory, 201 Popular Street, **Atlantic** IA, Steve Livengood, 712-243-5445, [aplewood@q.com](mailto:aplewood@q.com). *Note: This will be the second year. Last year there were 22 privately owned military vehicles on display. Email [aplewood@q.com](mailto:aplewood@q.com) for more information.*
- ◆ **Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade, 21 May 2016**, 10:30 am, The start of the parade will be in Rock Island, Illinois and will cross the Centennial Bridge and finish in the city of Davenport at Veterans Memorial Park, Edwin Hildebrand, 563-322-0576, [fourpaws622@yahoo.com](mailto:fourpaws622@yahoo.com) *Note: This is a Bi-State Parade celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration..*
- ◆ **National Veterans Awareness Ride, 23 May 2016**, 9:00 am to noon, Iowa Veterans Home, 1301 Summit Street, **Marshalltown**, IA, 50158, Brad Shipley, 641-753-4536, [bradley.shipley@ivh.state.ia.us](mailto:bradley.shipley@ivh.state.ia.us). *Note: Riders will be stopping to visit with IVH residents before continuing their trip to Washington, DC.*
- ◆ **Caring for Veterans & Their Families, 25 May 2016**, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum, 503 South Street, **Waterloo**, IA, Judy Mulock, 319-505-3048. *Note: Many American veterans and their families experience feelings of grief and loss during and after their military service. These losses range from physical and social to emotional and spiritual. Join us for a special program led by Judy Mulock, retired medical chaplain and Care Coordinator for Continuous Care, lock grief organization. Judy will discuss experiences of loss and recovery based on stories from veterans and their families. Local Vietnam Veteran and Hospice Volunteer Craig White will also share his experiences on loss and how to move forward toward recovery.*
- ◆ **Grout Museum District & Cedar Valley Jaycees Red Cross Blood Drive, 26 May 2016**, Noon – 5:00 pm, Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum, 503 South Street, **Waterloo**, IA, Molly Scullin, 319-234-6357, [molly.scullin@gmdistrict.org](mailto:molly.scullin@gmdistrict.org). *Note: Donors can sign up at [gmdistrict.org/blooddrive](http://gmdistrict.org/blooddrive).*
- ◆ **2016 Adjutant General Summer Concert Series – Jason Walsmith and Friends, 26 May 2016**, 7:00 pm, Historic Camp Dodge Pool Complex, Camp Dodge, **Johnston**, IA 50131, Col. Gregory Hapgood, Iowa National Guard Public Affairs Officer, 515-252-4582, [Gregory.o.hapgood.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Gregory.o.hapgood.mil@mail.mil). *Note: Americana, Alternative Country, and Indie Rock. Please join us for the **Summer Kickoff Block Party** – come tailgate and bring your neighbors!*
- ◆ **Iowa Barnstormers Military Night, 27 May 2016**, 7:05 pm, Wells Fargo Arena, 233 Center St., **Des Moines**, (Polk), IA 50309, Kyle Dykstra, 515-564-8468, [kdijkstra@theiowabarnstormers.com](mailto:kdijkstra@theiowabarnstormers.com). *Note: All Veterans and members of the National Guard and Reserves receive free tickets for themselves and their families. Contact Kyle Dykstra for information.*
- ◆ **Homeless Veterans Outreach Grill Out, 27 April – 29 June 2016**, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Lincoln Park, Intersection of Mulberry and Franklin Streets, **Waterloo**, (Black Hawk), IA, Kevin Dill, 319-291-2512, [kdill@co.black-hawk.ia.us](mailto:kdill@co.black-hawk.ia.us). *Note: We grill hot dogs and provide a bag of chips and a drink to any homeless veteran or veteran in need for free...We do this for outreach and to connect our homeless vets and vets in need to our services and the community.*
- ◆ **Memorial Day, 30 May 2016**, 8:00 am, Iowa Veterans Cemetery (at Van Meter), 34024 Veterans Memorial Drive, **Adel**, IA 50003, Meghan Larkins, Outreach Coordinator IDVA, 515-727-3442, [Meghan.larkins@iowa.gov](mailto:Meghan.larkins@iowa.gov).
- ◆ **Memorial Day, 30 May 2016**, 11:00 am, Iowa Events Center, 730 Third Street, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA 50309, Meghan Larkins, Outreach Coordinator IDVA, 515-727-3442, [Meghan.larkins@iowa.gov](mailto:Meghan.larkins@iowa.gov).
- ◆ **Memorial Day, 30 May 2016**, 11:00 am, Resthaven Cemetery, 801 19<sup>th</sup> Street, **West Des Moines**, (Polk), IA Cheryl TanCreti, 515-225-7225, [cheryltancreti@dignitymemorial.com](mailto:cheryltancreti@dignitymemorial.com).
- ◆ **Memorial Day, 30 May 2016**, 9:45 am, Mitchellville Cemetery, 500 Vine St, **Mitchellville**, (Polk), IA 50169, Neal Evans, 515-238-7142, [EvansN@aol.com](mailto:EvansN@aol.com). *Note: Refreshments at the Legion 155 Post, 111 Center Ave, following the service. In case of rain, the service will be held at the Legion Post.*
- ◆ **Memorial Day – Honoring Veterans, 30 May 2016**, 5:00 am to 1:00 pm, Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, 7105 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Ave, Building A9/3692, Camp Dodge, **Johnston**, (Polk) IA 50131, Sherrie Colbert, Museum Director, 515-252-4531, [sherrie.colbert@iowa.gov](mailto:sherrie.colbert@iowa.gov). *Note: Van and Bonnie will broadcast "live" from the museum from 5:00 am to 9:00 am, free breakfast until it runs out, free ice cream from the I SCREAM Guy, crafts for kids, vendors and please tour our new World War I Exhibit.*

- ♦ **Van Meter Legion Auxiliary Memorial Day Refreshments, 30 May 2016**, 8:00 am to 10:00 am, Van Meter Legion Reception Center, 910 Main St, **Van Meter**, IA, Christina Radke, 515-418-1960, [christinaradke@hotmail.com](mailto:christinaradke@hotmail.com). *Note: Please join us for free refreshments provided by the Van Meter Legion Auxiliary following the ceremony at the Van Meter Iowa Veterans Cemetery.*
- ♦ **Memorial Day Ceremony, 30 May 2016**, 10:00 am, State Capitol Grounds (south side of Capitol), **Des Moines**, IA, George Kline, Commandant, 515-314-9955, [sgtklineusmc6369@gmail.com](mailto:sgtklineusmc6369@gmail.com). *Note: Public invited.*
- ♦ **Memorial Day Ceremony, 30 May 2016**, 10:30 am, Iowa Veterans Home (Mallory LRC), 1301 Summit Street, **Marshalltown**, IA, 50158, Brad Shipley, 641-753-4536, [bradley.shipley@ivh.state.ia.us](mailto:bradley.shipley@ivh.state.ia.us). *Note: Guest speakers will be "Families of the Fallen". This event is open to the public.*
- ♦ **Memorial Day at the Iowa Veterans Museum, 30 May 2016**, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum, 503 South Street, **Waterloo**, IA, Jordan Walker, 319-234-6357, [Jordan.walker@gmdistrict.org](mailto:Jordan.walker@gmdistrict.org). *Note: Visit the Iowa Veterans Museum for a FREE picnic style lunch with paid admission (first 100 visitors). All Veterans and Active Duty are FREE on Memorial Day.*

## June 2016

- ♦ **Marine Corps League & Auxiliary monthly meeting, 1 June 2016**, dinner at 6:30 pm, meetings at 7:30 pm, 7025 Hickman Road, **Urbandale**, IA, George Kline, Commandant, 515-314-9955, [sgtklineusmc6369@gmail.com](mailto:sgtklineusmc6369@gmail.com).
- ♦ **2016 Adjutant General Summer Concert Series – The Blue Band, 2 June 2016**, 7:00 pm, Historic Camp Dodge Pool Complex, Camp Dodge, **Johnston**, IA 50131, Col. Gregory Hapgood, Iowa National Guard Public Affairs Officer, 515-252-4582, [Gregory.o.hapgood.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Gregory.o.hapgood.mil@mail.mil). *Note: Original and cover Blues, soul, rockabilly, and R & B grooves. Please join us for the **Classic Car and Motorcycle Show** starting at 4:30 pm with reserved parking for participating vehicles.*
- ♦ **Operation Engage America Resource Fair for Veterans, 4 June 2016**, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Miller Armory Drill Floor, Camp Dodge, **Johnston**, IA, Brandon Lay, 515-528-5729, [brandon@operationengageamerica.org](mailto:brandon@operationengageamerica.org). *Note: The event will begin with two speakers, followed by free snacks (provided by Jethro's BBQ, Tiefenthaler Meats, and Little BlackBird Bakery. There will be free haircuts (thanks to SportCuts) for veterans who come to the event.*
- ♦ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Pancake Breakfast, (Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk & coffee, all you can eat), 7 June 2016**, 7:00-10:00 am, 111 Center Ave, **Mitchellville**, (Polk) IA 50169, Neal Evans, 515-238-7142, [EvansN@aol.com](mailto:EvansN@aol.com). *Note: Adults-\$5.00 kids 5-12-\$2.00, kids 4 and under are free.*
- ♦ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Meeting, 7 June 2016**, 7:00 pm, 111 Center Ave., **Mitchellville**, (Mitchell) IA, Neal Evans, 515-238-7142, [EvansN@aol.com](mailto:EvansN@aol.com). *Note: Post 155 meets the first Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 pm.*
- ♦ **Central Iowa Veterans Employment Summit 3.0 & Job Fair, 7 June 2016**, 8:45 am to 11:30 am, Room 1 Networking/Information/Recognition (Job Fair is 11:30 am to 2:30 pm) Room 1A, Polk County River Place, 2309 Euclid Avenue, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, Shelaine Harbart, 515-699-5999, [shelaine.harbart@va.gov](mailto:shelaine.harbart@va.gov).
- ♦ **2016 Adjutant General Summer Concert Series – Brother Trucker, 9 June 2016**, 7:00 pm, Historic Camp Dodge Pool Complex, Camp Dodge, **Johnston**, IA 50131, Col. Gregory Hapgood, Iowa National Guard Public Affairs Officer, 515-252-4582, [Gregory.o.hapgood.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Gregory.o.hapgood.mil@mail.mil). *Note: Roots/Americana/Alternative Country.*
- ♦ **2016 Cherokee Veteran Appreciation Day, 11 June 2016**, 9:00 am to 3:00pm, Cherokee Fair Grounds, **Cherokee**, IA Dana C. Evans, Cherokee Veteran Affairs Director, 712-225-6319, [cherokeevets@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeevets@gmail.com). *Note: This year's events will tell the story of Granada, Panama, Kosovo, Somalia, and Benghazi. We will have movies on these and other material also. The VA and vendors will be present to help veterans out. There will be a program starting at 1pm, with a speaker to be announced later.*
- ♦ **Keota Veterans Memorial opening ceremony, 12 June 2016**, 1:00 pm, ½ block south of Catholic church, **Keota**, IA, Jarad Klein, 515-689-5430, [jarad.klein@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:jarad.klein@legis.iowa.gov). *Note: please visit website at [www.operation-engage-america.org](http://www.operation-engage-america.org).*
- ♦ **Des Moines Silkies Hike, 18 June 2016**, 8:00 am show time and 9:45 am hike, State Capitol off Finkbine Drive, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, Roger D. George, 319-470-8279, [jethro1hawkfan@gmail.com](mailto:jethro1hawkfan@gmail.com). *Note: Please park at the parking garage off of Grand Ave and wear a pair of silkies combat shoes (optional!), a ruck, and bring plenty of provisionals i.e. sunscreen, water, powder and so forth. The Hike will be to Mullets Bar and Grill (utilizing the downtown trails) to The Hessen House, back to Mullets and end the hike at the Hessen House at 2000 hrs.*

- ♦ **HERO/English River Outfitters Kids of PTSD, 18 June 2016**, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, English River Outfitters Lodge, 2564 305<sup>th</sup> St, **Washington**, IA 502353, Chuck Geertz, 563-357-4923, [chuckgeertz@englishriveroutfitters.org](mailto:chuckgeertz@englishriveroutfitters.org), *Note: At English River Outfitters, we are Veterans reaching out to Veterans. Help children cope with their parent's PTSD. See flyer online and to register at our page at <http://www.englishriveroutfitters.org>.*
- ♦ **Operation Engage America - Iowa, 18 June 2016**, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Long Lines Family Rec Center-Hall of Fame, 401 Gordon Drive, **Sioux City**, IA, 51001, Lisa Naslund, 515-984-0661, [lisa@operationengageamerica.org](mailto:lisa@operationengageamerica.org), *Note: Open to public for those suffering with PTSD/TBI issues. Open house resource fair event. Offers resource participation/vendors and services to help educate the public, families, and those struggling. More efforts can be found at [www.operation-engage-america.org](http://www.operation-engage-america.org).*
- ♦ **VFW Pella Post 5242 Monthly Meeting, 21 June 2016**, 7:30 pm, Memorial Building, 829 Broadway St, **Pella**, (Marion) IA, Patrick Stark, 641-780-9929, [vfw.patstark@gmail.com](mailto:vfw.patstark@gmail.com).
- ♦ **2016 Adjutant General Summer Concert Series – Abby Normal Band, 23 June 2016**, 7:00 pm, Historic Camp Dodge Pool Complex, Camp Dodge, **Johnston**, IA 50131, Col. Gregory Hapgood, Iowa National Guard Public Affairs Officer, 515-252-4582, [Gregory.o.hapgood.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Gregory.o.hapgood.mil@mail.mil). *Note: Classic '80s rock.*
- ♦ **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Declaration Celebration, Reading of the Declaration of Independence, 27 June 2016**, Ice Cream Social at 6:00 pm, Program at 6:30 pm, 102 West 4<sup>th</sup>, Ottumwa Public Library Steps, **Ottumwa**, IA, Charles J. Bates, 641-682-5870, [bcmarket@mchsi.com](mailto:bcmarket@mchsi.com). *13 persons read a portion of the Declaration of Independence while standing on the steps of the historic Ottumwa Public Library in Central Park. History of "Old Glory" flag display that is owned by the Wapello County Historical library will be on display. There have been 27 official flags of the United States since the 13 star flag to and including our present fifty star flag. Patriotic singing. Everyone is welcome. Free will offering is accepted for the ice cream and pastry that is available, served by the Wapello County Republicans. Outdoor event. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, will move inside. Thank you.*
- ♦ **2016 Adjutant General Summer Concert Series – Sidewinder, 30 June 2016**, 7:00 pm, Historic Camp Dodge Pool Complex, Camp Dodge, **Johnston**, IA 50131, Col. Gregory Hapgood, Iowa National Guard Public Affairs Officer, 515-252-4582, [Gregory.o.hapgood.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Gregory.o.hapgood.mil@mail.mil). *Note: Iowa National Guard's 34<sup>th</sup> Army Band-pop and classic rock ensemble. Please join us for Military Heritage Night – wear your favorite Red, White, and Blue!*
- ♦ **The Moving Wall, 30 June to 5 July 2016**, Open to Visitors 24 Hours, Clayton County Fair Ground, 26143 Ivory Road, **Gamavillo**, (Clayton) IA, POC Wendy Kuhse, 563-880-0404, [wkuhse@alpinecom.net](mailto:wkuhse@alpinecom.net), Harlan (Lanny) Kuhse, 563-880-1689, [wkuhse@alpinecom.net](mailto:wkuhse@alpinecom.net). *Note: John Dewitte attended the dedication of the permanent "Vietnam Wall" in Washington D.C. in 1982 and vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington. "The Moving Wall" is an original replica that was built in 1983 by John Dewitte, Norris Shears, Gary Harver, and the other Vietnam Veterans. It travels throughout the USA from April through November, spending a week at each site. Members of the Clay-Gar American Legion Post #723 in cooperation with the American Legions, VFW's and Northeast Iowa Vietnam Veterans of Clayton County Iowa are supporting and hosting "The Moving Wall" that will be displayed at the Clayton County Fairgrounds in National, IA.*

## July 2016

- ♦ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Pancake Breakfast, (Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk & coffee, all you can eat), 2 July 2016**, 7:00 - 10:00 am, 111 Center Ave, **Mitchellville**, (Polk) IA 50169, Neal Evans, 515-238-7142, [EvansN@aol.com](mailto:EvansN@aol.com). *Note: Adults-\$5.00 kids 5-12-\$2.00, kids 4 and under are free.*
- ♦ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Meeting, 5 July 2016**, 7:00 pm, 111 Center Ave, **Mitchellville**, (Polk) IA 50169, Neal Evans, 515-238-7142, [EvansN@aol.com](mailto:EvansN@aol.com). *Note: Post 155 meets the first Tuesday of every month @7:00pm.*
- ♦ **Marine Corps League & Auxiliary monthly meeting, 6 July 2016**, dinner at 6:30 pm, meetings at 7:30 pm, 7025 Hickman Road, **Urbandale**, IA, George Kline, Commandant, 515-314-9955, [sgtklineusmc6369@gmail.com](mailto:sgtklineusmc6369@gmail.com).
- ♦ **Blood Drive for Mitchellville American Legion Post 155, 16 July 2016**, 8:00-11:00 am, 111 Center Ave, **Mitchellville**, (Polk) IA 50169, Dean Brand, 515-360-0774, [dbrand@mediacombb.net](mailto:dbrand@mediacombb.net), *Note: Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.*
- ♦ **The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, 21 July to 25 July 2016**, Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 am, 21 July; Open to Visitors 24 Hours, Wild Rose Casino and Resort, 777 Main Street, **Emmetsburg**, (Palo Alto) IA, POC's are Zachary Stewart, Marketing Manager, Wild Rose Resorts ([zach.stewart@wildroseresorts.com](mailto:zach.stewart@wildroseresorts.com)) phone (877)720-ROSE or Cliff Christensen, Director of Veterans Affairs for Palo Alto County, ([cchristensent@co.palo-alto.ia.us](mailto:cchristensent@co.palo-alto.ia.us)) phone 712-852-2066.



## August 2016

- ◆ **Center for Deployment Psychology's University Counseling Center Core Competency (UC4), 10 August 2016**, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, University of Dubuque, Blades Hall, **Dubuque**, IA, Dr. Amy Baus, Director of Career & Life Services, University of Dubuque, 563-589-3132, [abaus@dbq.edu](mailto:abaus@dbq.edu). *Note: The Center for Deployment Psychology's University Counseling Center Core Competency (UC4) is coming to the University of Dubuque Campus on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This program is extended to area service and resource provider, as well as non-clinical University personnel who are encouraged to attend. Seating is capped at 100, the UC4 is requesting for registration between January – May. The program aims to increase competency in the concerns, challenges, culture, and experiences of Service Members and Veterans attending college. If pursuing CEs, the cost is \$19.99 per attendee. 7 Continuing Education Credits for this learning activity will be awarded. PESI, Inc. is an approved provider of Continuing Education. You can register by clicking on this link: <http://deploymentpsych.org/training/uc4-university-dubuque-ia-10-aug-2016>.*
- ◆ **Military Retiree Appreciation Event, 18 August 2016**, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Meadows Ballroom, Prairie Meadows Hotel, 1 Prairie Meadows Drive, **Altoona**, (Polk) IA, Col Michael Treinen (Ret), 515-255-5138, [Treinen1941@gmail.com](mailto:Treinen1941@gmail.com), *Note: Military Retirees and their spouses from all components are invited to this day of informative briefings by subject matter experts on benefits that are of interest. Agenda includes Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs, a National Legislative Update, Veterans Affairs Medical update, Delta Dental Insurance, ID Cards, Long Term Care insurance, TRICARE (includes TRICAE for Life and mail order pharmacy programs), and Social Security. Cost of the event is \$15 per person that includes a continental breakfast and lunch at the casino restaurant. Event is co-sponsored by the Retirement Services Office at For McCoy, WI.*
- ◆ **Third Annual Ida County Veterans Appreciation Day, 27 August 2016**, 5:00 - 9:00 pm, Skate Palace, 201 Susan Lawrence Drive, **Ida Grove**, (Ida) IA, Dale Ullrich, 712-364-4176 or 712-369-5017, [idava@longlines.com](mailto:idava@longlines.com). *Note: This event will include information tables for the veteran and their dependents, a free-will offering supper with profits earmarked to the Brushy Creek Honor Flight, and a band for dancing and enjoyment along with the bar.*

## September 2016

- ◆ **Zero Prostate Cancer Run/Walk 2016 – Des Moines and Kids Dash for Dad, 17 September 2016**, Registration starts at 7:30 am, 1 Line Drive, Principal Park, **Des Moines**, IA, 50309 Mark Good, Sr. 515-570-4106, [zeroprostatecancerdsm@gmail.com](mailto:zeroprostatecancerdsm@gmail.com). *Note: website is [zeroprostatecancerwalk.org/des-moines](http://zeroprostatecancerwalk.org/des-moines). The ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk – Des Moines features a 5K run/walk, 1 mile survivor walk, Kids Superhero Dash for Dad, and virtual Snooze for Dudes program. ZERO is proud to partner with The Iowa Clinic to end prostate cancer. After the race, all participants can enjoy a free Smokey D's BBQ pulled pork sandwich! The Iowa League of Heroes and Iowa Wild's Crash will be there to cheer on the crowd! The funds raised from ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk – Des Moines are invested in Des Moines and around the country to provide research for new treatments, free prostate cancer testing, and educate men and War veterans with exposure to defoliants can add to prostate cancer risk and severity. Studies have shown Vietnam and Korean War veterans with exposure to defoliants like **Agent Orange** have a higher occurrence of prostate cancer.*
- ◆ **The Wall That Heals, September 29 – October 2, 2016**, Open 24 hours, Living History Farms, 11121 Hickman Road, **Urbandale**, IA, 50322, Hosted by Team Welcome Home, Joy Wehmas, Chairman, 515-971-1323, [info@teamwelcomehomeiowa.com](mailto:info@teamwelcomehomeiowa.com), [www.teamwelcomehomeiowa.com](http://www.teamwelcomehomeiowa.com), *Note: This will be a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event featuring The Wall That Heals. The Wall That Heals is an exhibition created by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) with a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., it is also accompanied by a mobile Education Center that tells the story of the Vietnam War era and The Wall.*

## October 2016

- ◆ **34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association Reunion, October 14 - 15 2016**, 2:00 pm Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>, Stoney Creek Court, 5291 Stoney Creek Court, **Johnston**, IA, 50313, Lt Col (Ret) Michael Musel, [Michael.musel@iowa.gov](mailto:Michael.musel@iowa.gov). *Note: This will be the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Assn. All who have served in the 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div are welcome.*

**2016 Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs' quarterly meetings are scheduled as follows:**

**July 6, 2016** beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, Camp Dodge, **Johnston**, (Polk) IA

**October 5, 2016** beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Iowa Veterans Home, Malloy Leisure Recreation Center, **Marshalltown**,  
(Marshall) IA

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